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DAVID MEARNS REAPPOINTED HONORARY CONSULTANT

David C. Mearns, Honorary Consultant in the Humanities to the Library since 1967, has been reappointed to the position for a third three-year term. Mr. Mearns, Lincoln scholar, historian, librarian, and author, was on the staff of the Library for 49 years, the last 16 as Chief of the Manuscript Division and Assistant Librarian for the American Collections.

Well-known works of Mr. Mearns chronicling the history of the Library of Congress include *The Story Up to Now* (1947), and *Herbert Putnam, 1861-1955: A Memorial Tribute* (1956). Two other works, *The Lincoln Papers* (1948) and *Lincoln and the Image of America* (1953), are recognized as definitive works on the Nation's 16th President.

Mr. Mearns will continue to advise the Library on its acquisitions, bibliographic projects, and manuscript collections. [A complete biographical sketch of Mr. Mearns was included in the December 21, 1967, issue of the LC *Information Bulletin.*]

The Library of Congress will observe the **New Year's holiday** with the following hours. On Saturday, December 29, and Sunday, December 30, the Library will observe normal hours of service. On Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve, the Library's Main Exhibit Halls will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Main Reading Room, Annex Reading Room, Law Library Reading Room, Local History and Genealogy Room, Newspaper and Current Periodical Room, Science Reading Room, Slavic Room, and Study Facilities will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All other facilities will be closed.

On Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day, the Library's reading rooms, study facilities, and exhibit halls will be closed.

GREENHOUSE AND PRESSLER TO APPEAR IN LC CONCERT

On Friday evening, January 4, the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation in the Library of Congress will sponsor a concert of chamber music for violoncello and piano, featuring Bernard Greenhouse, violoncello and Menahem Pressler, piano. Both artists have appeared as soloists with major symphony orchestras throughout the world and both are members of the famed Beaux Arts Trio of New York. Their program will include Sonata in E minor, Op. 38 by Johannes Brahms; Sonata for Violoncello and Piano by Elliot Carter; and Sonata in A major, Op. 69 by Ludwig van Beethoven.

This concert will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets for this concert will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday,

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January 2. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Wednesday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

This concert will be heard live and in its entirety by Station WETA-FM, and later made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

LC FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE DIES

Fulton Brylawski, a Washington lawyer for 66 years and a leading member of the copyright bar, died November 23. He was 88.

Mr. Brylawski's practice brought him into almost daily contact with the Copyright Office and other departments of the Library of Congress, beginning as early as 1911. His clients included motion picture companies and other parties having frequent dealings with the Library. He offered many suggestions relating to Copyright Office practices and procedures, a number of which were adopted.

Mr. Brylawski also figured prominently in the negotiations leading, in 1942, to the first "motion picture agreement," under which, after registration, the two deposit copies of published films are returned to the applicant with the provision that one copy may be recalled for the Library within two years. In addition, he frequently testified at Congressional hearings on bills to modify the copyright law and was a member of the Advisory Panel of Specialists on the General Revision of the Copyright Law.

A familiar figure in the Copyright Office and elsewhere in the Library, Mr. Brylawski was a regular user of Library resources and well known to its employees. As the most frequent remitter and user of the facilities of the Copyright Office over the years, he had a profound knowledge of its practices, past and present, and was thoroughly conversant with its various files and records.

Often a keen advocate and a sharp yet constructive critic, Fulton Brylawski possessed great personal charm and was indeed a good friend to the Library of Congress and many members of its staff.

STAFF NEWS

CU Employees Go on Four-Day Work Week

The Board of Directors of the Library of Congress Federal Credit Union has announced that the office staff of the Credit Union will begin a four-day work week effective January 4. Prompted by the energy crisis and the general acceptance and success of the four-day week in industry, the board has instituted a schedule of nine-hour days, giving employees either a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday off each week. In each four-week cycle, each employee will have one four-day weekend. All employees will work on paydays.

At the end of the experimental three-month period, the board and the employees will evaluate the work schedule and, if the evaluation is favorable, the Credit Union four-day work week will continue indefinitely. The Credit Union will continue to provide five days of service each week to its membership (the business hours remain the same), and the Credit Committee will continue to meet on Mondays and Thursdays at noon.

The board would like to remind employees that membership in the Credit Union is open to all LC staff members and members of their families living in the same household. Personal loans to qualified members are given at a 12 percent annual interest rate, and new car loans to qualified members are given at a nine percent annual interest rate. All loans up to $10,000 are insured at no direct cost to the borrower. Travelers' checks and money orders are available to members during the CU's hours of opening—11 a.m. to

3 p.m. daily and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. paydays.

For the quarter ending September 30, the Credit Union paid a 5.5 percent dividend on share accounts.

Members or non-members having questions about the Credit Union should call the manager, Jim Mitchell, ext. 5852, or visit the Credit Union office in Room SB1012, Annex Building.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Because of early deadlines for the LC *Information Bulletins* for December 28 and January 4, personnel changes for the periods ending December 17 and December 24 will be announced a week late.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Paul L. Berry, Director of the Reference Department, spoke on "Reference Service to the Nation" at the annual meeting of the Iota Chapter of Beta Phi Mu held at Catholic University on November 18.

Edward J. Blume, Chief of the Subject Cataloging Division, was the speaker at an LC Subject Cataloging Workshop held in conjunction with the Colorado Library Association Convention on November 28 in Denver. Despite the fact that the session was the last event on a four-day program, the increasing number of last-minute registrants made it necessary to change the scheduled meeting place twice, a good indication of the professional community's genuine interest in first-hand exchange with the Library of Congress and its representatives.

Daniel Hoffman, Consultant in Poetry to the Library, took part in the 197th anniversary celebration of the Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa of the College of William and Mary on December 5. At the ceremonies, held in the famous Phi Beta Kappa hall on the campus, Mr. Hoffman gave a reading which included a new poem written for the occasion, "Problems of Knowledge." Also on the program was O. B. Hardison, Director of the Folger Shakespeare Library.

Thangam Ranga Iyer, South Asian Languages Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, became an American citizen in ceremonies held in Baltimore, Md., on November 30.

George J. Leibowitz, Senior Specialist in Taxation and Fiscal Policy, Congressional Research Service, presented a paper at the 23rd Annual Kansas Tax Conference on November 29. The subject of the paper was "Federal Tax Legislation" which covered the status of tax reform and tax incentive legislation, other activities in which Congressional tax committees are interested, and the role of tax practitioners in developing sound tax legislation. The conference was sponsored by the Kansas Bar Association, Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Washburn Law School, and the University of Kansas. Approximately 350 CPA's and attorneys attended.

C. Sumner Spalding, Assistant Director (Cataloging) of the Processing Department, recently nominated by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to serve as its chairman, has just been appointed to that position by Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Spalding will serve for the biennium 1973-75. The Board was established in 1947 under provision of Public Law 242 as an interdepartmental body to standardize geographic names for use in the Federal Government. In the letter of appointment, Mr. Morton wrote to Mr. Spalding: "It is my understanding that as a member of the Board representing the Library of Congress, and as former Vice Chairman of that body, you are exceptionally well qualified to serve in this capacity."

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: India. ISSN 0041-7734. Vol. 12, No. 9. September 1973. (pp. 725-775.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Accessions List: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei. ISSN 0041-7742. Vol. 8, No. 8. August 1973. (pp. 260-292.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, APO San Francisco, 96356.

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. ISSN 0012-2785. 93rd Congress, 1st Session. Combined Supplement Nos. 1, 2, and 3 to Cumulative Issue No. 3 with Action Section and Indexes, 1973. (Various pagings.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, for $5.15 this issue or $90 a session, domestic, and $112.50 a session, foreign (LC14.6:93-1/1-4/Supp. 1, 2, and 3).

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. ISSN 0027-0288. Vol. 64, No. 11. November 1973. (pp. 939-1032.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, at $1 for single monthly issues, except June and December for $1.75, or $11.50 a year, domestic, and $14.50 a year, foreign (LC 30.9:64/11).

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Commencing Publication After December 31, 1949. ISSN 0028-6680. November 1973. (iii, 39 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the

Union List of Serials and issued in eight monthly and four quarterly issues and a cumulative annual volume. Supplement to the *Union List of Serials*, 3rd Edition. For sale by the Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $170 a year. Subscriptions received after the annual cumulation appears will receive only the annual cumulation.

Library of Congress Regulations: No. 818-17.1 (December 3) restated the Library's policies governing the use and availability of its motion pictures; No. 212-1 (December 4) page 4 revised the statement of responsibilities of the Personnel Office; No. 1012 (December 4) concerned certification of materials in the Library's collections.

Special Announcements: No. 609 (December 3) explained Library space adjustments; No. 610 (December 5) announced the Bloodmobile visit to the Library on December 20; No. 611 (December 7) announced the Library of Congress Intern Program 1974-75; No. 612 (December 11) concerned cost-of-living adjustment in retirement annuities.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Law Librarians Plan Luncheon Meeting

The Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., will hold a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, January 16, at Blackie's House of Beef, 22nd and M Sts., N.W. The speaker for the luncheon will be George W. Haley, Assistant Director of the United States Information Agency. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 12:30, preceded by a cash bar at noon; the cost is $3.75.

Reservations should reach Nancy Arnold no later than Friday, January 11. They may be directed to her at Kirkland, Ellis, and Rowe, 1776 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Law and Library Joint Degree Offered at Catholic University

Catholic University's Graduate Department of Library Science and the Catholic University Law School are offering a joint degree program for persons interested in entering the field of law librarianship. Top administrative positions in law libraries frequently require highly qualified librarians with both a graduate library degree and a law degree. This is especially true in large academic and government law libraries. It is the purpose of this joint degree program to provide the academic preparation needed for these high level positions.

The objective of the program is to reduce the total number of credit hours required to obtain both degrees. A library of science student can apply up to nine credit hours taken in the Law School toward the Library of Science degree and, similarly, the law student can apply up to 12 hours taken in library science toward the law degree. Admission to this program is determined independently by the Chairman of the Department of Library Science and the Dean of the Law School. Students are encouraged to take a combination of law courses and library science courses after completion of the first year of law school. There is a great deal of flexibility in the scheduling of courses each semester. A schedule can be arranged to permit a student to complete both degrees at the end of the same semester, or, by concentrating their course work in one program or the other, a student might earn one degree before the other.

Students enrolled in this joint degree program are encouraged to take the library of science courses concentrated in the field of law librarianship. These three courses, taught by Marlene C. McGuirl, Chief of the American-British Law Division, Law Library, Library of Congress, are Legal Literature (an introduction to the bibliographic organization of legal literature and the techniques of legal research); Law Librarianship (an introduction to all aspects of law library administration including management, organization and technical processes); and Librarianship and the Law (a survey course in legal principles and problems of concern to the library administrator).

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